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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: **Akio Taniguchi et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/587,496**

Filed: **July 27, 2006**

For: **THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER
COMPOSITION AND MOLDED ARTICLE**

Attorney Docket No: **5404/166**

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Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: Not Assigned

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in Duplicate); Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; and a Copy of Each Listed Reference for Which a Copy is Required.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,

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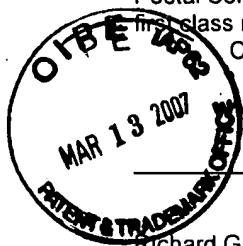
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	COUNTRY
EP 0 265 091 A1	04/27/1988	EPO
EP 1 475 397 A1	11/10/2004	EPO
WO 2005/033199 A1	04/14/2005	WIPO
EP 1 669 406 A1	06/14/2006	EPO

OTHER ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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Supplementary European Search Report from Application No. EP 05 70 9268, December 29, 2006, 3 pages.

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2).

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Mar. 9, 2007

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	C1	EP 0 265 091 A1	04/27/1988	EPO		
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	C3	WO 2005/033199 A1	04/14/2005	WIPO		Abstract
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	C5	Supplementary European Search Report from Application No. EP 05 70 9268, December 29, 2006, 3 pages.

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